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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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	Washington D.C. 20231

1.	This ENC	This application entitled <u>METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AUTHORIZING NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT</u> is:				
	a.	<u>X</u>	A new application under 37 (C.F.R. § 1.53(b).		
	b.		A continuation dir § 1.53(b) of prior application	visional or continuation-in Serial No/ filed on	-part application under 37 C.F.R. entitled	
	c.		A new utility application whi filed on	ch claims the benefit of provisi	onal application Serial No,	
App	olicatio	on elemer	nts and other attached papers:			
2.	<u>X</u>	_ Spe	ecification (including Claims ar	nd Abstract)	[Total Pages 14]	
3.	_X	_ Dra	awings (informal / _X_ fo	rmal)	[Total Sheets 4]	
4.	<u>X</u>	X Oath or Declaration				
	a.	<u>X</u>	Newly-executed			
	b.		Copy from a prior application	n (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))		
5.	Incorporation By Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Item 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.				eing part of the disclosure of the	
6.		_ Thi § 1	is application is filed by fewer .53(d)(4).	than all the inventors named in	the prior application, 37 C.F.R.	
	a.		DELETE the following inven	ator(s) named in the prior nonpro	ovisional application:	
	b.		The inventor(s) to be deleted	are set forth on a separate sheet	attached hereto.	
				TION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10		
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7.	Prel	iminary A	Amendment:			
	a.		A Preliminary Amendment is attached.			
	b.		Cancel in this application original claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.			
	c.		Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:			
			"This is a continuation			
			divisional			
			of copending application(s) serial number/			
			filed on"			
	d.		A Petition to Suspend Prosecution For The Time Necessary to File An Amendment (New Application Filed Concurrently) is attached.			

8. Small entity status:

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- b. ____ Small entity status was claimed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. ___ Is no longer desired.

9. Fee Calculation:

FOR	NUMBER FILED		NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	20	-20 =	0	x 18.00	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	4	-3 =	1	x 80.00	80.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. §1.16(d)) 270.00				0	
			BASIC FEE (37 C	.F.R. § 1.16(a))	710.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS			790.00		
REDUCTION BY 50% FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (NOTE 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)			0		
\$40.00 ASSIGNMENT RECORDAL FEE (if applicable)			40.00		
				TOTAL	830.00

- 10. \underline{X} A check in the amount of \$830.00 is enclosed.
- 11. \underline{X} The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees (or any deficiency therein) to Deposit Account No. $\underline{02-3978}$:
 - a. X Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
 - b. X Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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12.	Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application
	A request for extension of time and the appropriate fee have been filed in the pending prior application (or are being filed in the prior application concurrently herewith) to extend the period for response until
13.	An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is attached, along with the following indicated attachments thereto:
	a Form PTO/SB/08 (sheet(s))
	b Copies of references cited
14.	Certified copy of priority document(s)
15.	X Return Receipt Postcard
16.	Other:
17.	X An Assignment of the invention to First Data Corporation having an address of 401 Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601
	a. X is attached.
	b at Reel, Frame
	c Applicant requests that the above assignee information be published with the application.
18.	The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
	Name of Attorney of Record Reg. No.
	The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
	The power does not appear in the original papers, but was filed on
	A new power has been executed and is attached.
19.	Correspondence Address: Please address all future communications to:
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	X Attorney or agent of record Filed under Rule 34(a)